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**STATE'S UTILIZED APPLE PRODUCTION INCREASED SLIGHTLY**

**MINNESOTA:** Minnesota's 2004 utilized apple production was estimated at 19.9 million pounds, up 100,000 pounds from 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2004 total apple production is estimated at 25.0 million pounds, a decrease of 2.0 million pounds from last year's crop.

The value received for the 2004 crop was down 5 percent from 2003. The preliminary average price received for Minnesota apples was 41.0 cents per pound compared with 43.6 cents in 2003, down 2.6 cents per pound. The price includes fresh sales (both retail and wholesale) plus processing sales on a delivered wholesale basis. Both production and price estimates are subject to revision when the updated annual summary is published in August.

**UNITED STATES:** Utilized apple production for 2004 is estimated at 9.93 billion pounds, up 15 percent from the 2003 level. Utilized production for Washington and New York increased 30 percent and 7 percent, respectively, while Michigan's utilized production decreased 19 percent compared to last year. In Washington, excellent growing conditions allowed production to rebound from the short 2003 crop. Yield potential in Michigan was reduced by a hard freeze during the first week of May. Widespread hail storms in the early Fall further curtailed Michigan production. Heat in California and remnants of the hurricanes in Pennsylvania reduced utilized production from 2003.

CROP YEAR	UTILIZED PRODUCTION (MILLION LBS.)	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE (CENTS PER LB.)	VALUE (1,000 DOLLARS)
<b>MINNESOTA:</b>			
2000	17.4	43.2	7,523
2001	15.5	47.5	7,363
2002	17.7	50.9	9,008
2003	19.8	43.6	8,624
2004	19.9	41.0	8,157
<b>UNITED STATES:</b>			
2000	10,322	12.8	1,320,781
2001	9,214	15.8	1,453,073
2002	8,374	18.9	1,581,260
2003	8,623	21.0	1,811,130
2004	9,928	17.7	1,758,277

**MINNESOTA APPLES**

UTILIZED PRODUCTION &amp; SEASON AVG. PRICE

